

## REMARKS

Claims 9-13 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as described in paragraph 4 of the Office Action. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§102(b and e) as described in paragraph 5 of the Office Action. Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as described in paragraph 7 of the Office Action. Claims 7 and 8 were indicated as being allowable in paragraph 8 of the Office Action. Claims 2, 3 and 6 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form as described on paragraph 9 of the Office Action. Claims 9, 11 and 12 are the only independent claims.

As suggested in paragraph 2 of the Office Action, attached hereto is a new Fig. 8 showing a conventional SAW ladder filter.

The specification has been amended to place the application in correct idiomatic English.

It is respectfully submitted that the outstanding rejections of claims 1, 4 and 5 are moot as the claims have been cancelled.

Newly added claims 9 and 11 correspond to claims 2 and 6, respectively, each as written in independent form including all the limitations of claim 1. Claims 10, 12 and 13 generally correspond to claims 3, 7 and 8 respectively. Claims 9-13 differ from claims 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 to the extent necessary to place the claims in better U.S. form without narrowing the scope of the claims as originally presented.

In light of the above discussion, and in light of paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that claims 9-13 are patentable over the Prior Art of record.

Having fully and completely responded to the Office Action, Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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